

BOSKENWYN



**Boskenwyn School**

**Newsletter**

22nd November 2024

**MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to those who attended the parent governor meeting this week. It was great to hear your ideas and suggestions and I look forward to taking them forward with you. It would be lovely to see more of you at the meetings. Although a parent governor meeting sounds formal, it really isn't. It is a place where you can talk about your ideas, discuss any issues or give your opinions on all aspects related to school. The next meeting is Wednesday 22nd January at 9am.

Keep you eye on that weather! We had some snow yesterday, only a little but it does make quite a difference on our small, icy ungritted roads so we often allow for a late start when inclement weather is due. Please make sure you know the procedure for inclement weather and emergency school closures, the information for this is at the end of this newsletter. Basically, listen to the radio or take a look on the Cornwall Council website if you think school may be closed/opening late when there is a weather warning in place.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Non School Uniform Days**

Monday 25 November

Bring in tombola prizes

Monday 2nd December

Bring in chocolate or sweets

### **Christmas Panto!**

Monday 9th December

### **FoBS Christmas Fair!**

Tuesday 10th December

Green Room, Poldhu, Church Cove  
classrooms

### **KS2 Christmas Production**

Monday 16th December, 2pm and  
6pm performances at Gweek Village  
Hall

### **KS1 Christmas Production**

Tuesday 17th December, 2pm at  
Gweek Village Hall

### **School Christmas Dinner!**

Wednesday 18th December

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **MONDAY**

KS2 Football with Mr Watson

### **TUESDAY**

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley

Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs  
Nicholas

### **WEDNESDAY**

Art Club with Bronwen Tyrrell  
until Christmas

### **THURSDAY**

Eco/Nature Club with Mrs Rusga

### **No clubs during last week of Autumn Term**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER  
SCHOOL CLUBS BOTH FINISH AT  
4:30PM PROMPT.

## **REMINDERS**

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

**Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.**

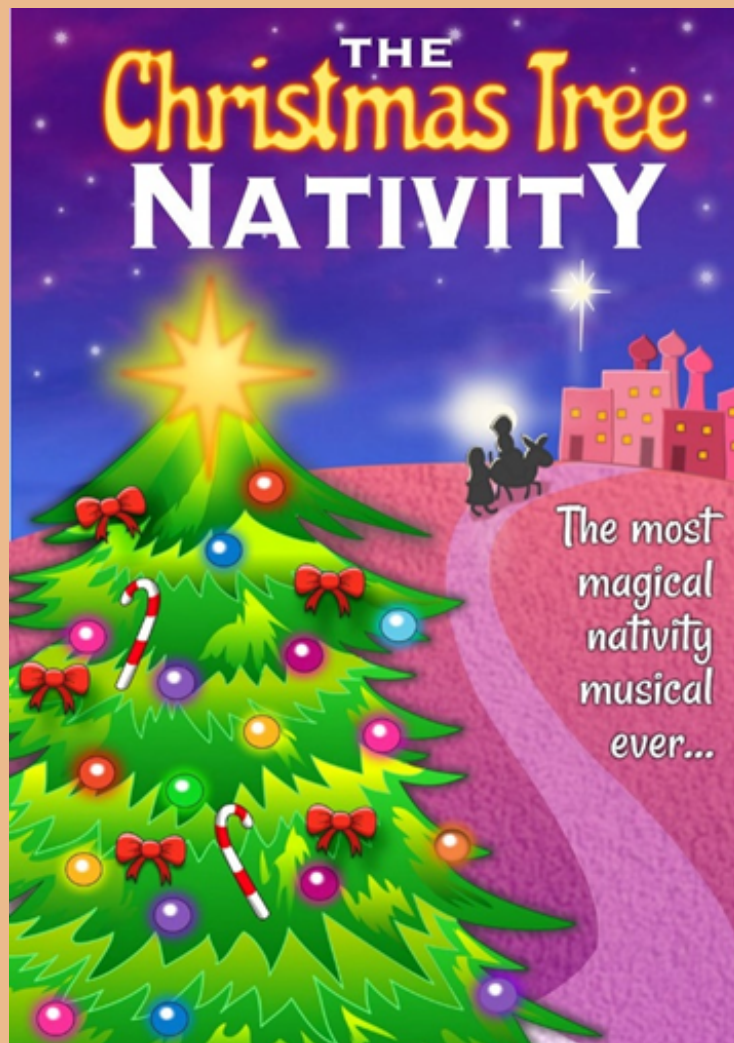
## CLASS UPDATE

### Rosemullion Class

We have had a busy week in Rosemullion this week. We have been exploring our new classroom and getting used to new routines.

We enjoyed learning about animals and their offspring and practicing our skills in hockey.

A big part of our week has been allocating parts from our Christmas play and practicing the songs. I hope you have started to hear a few at home!



## ECO CLUB

We sorted through the plastics that had been donated from beach cleans. We were surprised to see so many little bottles of the same kind and wondered if they had fallen from a ship's container at some point.

We also wondered what the figure of eight shaped plastic was? Can you help? We used it to make transient art to publicise the problem of plastics on our beaches and in the sea. If you beach clean soon we would love it if you could save the clean plastics for us as we would like to make something more permanent.

Mrs Rusga visited the Seychelles in 1986 and was wowed by the pristine beaches with no litter! She is going to get the children who visit next week to report back what it is like now as we have chosen ocean plastics as one of our areas to focus on to maintain our Green Flag award.

Happy litter picking.

### Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the Eco Club committee



## OTHER NEWS

### Swimming

A huge well done to our group of swimmers from Poldhu class that took part in the swimming gala this week. We came 2nd in the year 5/6 galas and even won a couple of medals. On top of this, it was reported back how well behaved the children were and how lovey it was to see them being so supportive of each other.



### Children In Need

An update to let you know that we raised a £105.74 for children in need last week in our pyjama day! Well done everyone!

### STEM Project

Last year, Poldhu took part in a STEM project with Soho Lighting, to design a light made from recycled beach plastics using the 3D printing process. Woody was the winning entry from Boskenwyn School and Gaia was a close second. Woody was presented with his winning lamp design by Sarah of Careers Hub Cornwall & Isles of Scilly. Congratulations to Woody, who says he'll hang it above his table, once it's been displayed at school.



## **FOBS NEWS**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped to organise, set-up, contribute to and, most importantly, ENJOY this year's Autumn Social. Feedback from the kids suggests the new 'Spooky Lucky Dip' was very popular!

We raised a fantastic £298.36 towards our school climbing frame.

Adding the £298.36 to the £2,000 that FOBS have kickstarted the climbing frame funding with, makes a total so far of £2,298.36.

Plans are afoot to have a large thermometer style fundraising poster for everyone to see. If you think you could do a good job of this please let FOBS know.

## **FOBS ONLINE Auction**

Every penny raised goes towards a new climbing frame. Please SHARE the link with friends and family far and wide for the more bidders. Some amazing items await- all starting at just £1.

New items added this week Oil Pet Portrait, Naked Generation Patchwork Jacket, One Night's Stay at The Pollurian Hotel!

Follow our school facebook or go direct to <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/boskenwynchristmasauction>



**FOB'S**  
(FRIENDS OF BOSKENWYN)

# Christmas Fair

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

After school to 5pm

**LOCATION: Poldhu and Church cove classrooms**  
(years 5&6 and years 3&4 classrooms)

Wreath making  
Window Star making  
Decorate a Biscuit  
Elf hunt  
Wheres Santa?

Magic carrots  
Chocolate cards  
Tombola  
Book stall  
Lucky dip

Can you help run a stall? Please let the Fobs team know (Via Linda in the office)



Helston Community College

# PTFA Christmas Craft Fayre

Refreshments, hot food,  
childrens crafts, and an array  
of delightful festive stalls

Saturday  
30th November  
Time 11am-3pm  
North Site Hall







**THE GOOSEBARN  
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SEWORGAN, CONSTANTINE**

**SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

**11AM - 4PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**LOCAL ARTISANS**

**CERAMICS**

**PRINTS**

**TEXTILES**

**KIDS CRAFTS**

**MULLED APPLE, HOMEMADE  
SOUP, CAKES, PASTRIES AND  
MORE...**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEGOOSEBARN](https://www.facebook.com/thegoosebarn)**

# Christmas

## MENU

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

### MAIN

Roast Turkey  
or Quorn Roast  
or Vegan Roast, all with gravy

### SIDES

Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Pigs in Blankets  
Roast Potatoes  
Honey Roast Parsnips  
Fresh Button Sprouts  
Carrots & Peas

### DESSERT

Festive Shortbread Biscuit or  
Christmas Sponge & Custard  
Vegan & Gluten Free options available



## SWISS STUDENTS

Last term we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.

The children really enjoyed having the Students present in their classes, and the Students had a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 22nd June to Saturday 5th July 2025.

Host families receive £300 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking, but they all speak excellent French and English.

If you are interested, please let Linda know so I can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School. They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



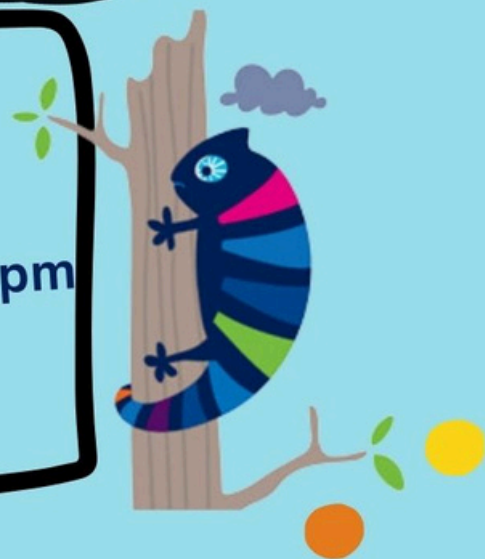
Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm

Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm

Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm

Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm

Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm

Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am &  
4pm

Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm



This workshop aims to talk about the  
meaning of resilience, explore  
building resilience and look at how  
and when a young person should ask  
for help.

To book a place please complete  
the online form **HERE**

[https://forms.office.com/e/TE2U  
mBZrHK](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK) or scan the QR code



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primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm  
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm  
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

*This workshop provides parents with  
practical strategies to foster positive  
behaviour and communication at  
home.*

To book a place please complete  
the online form **HERE**

<https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code



**This workshop is open to parents/carers of  
primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall**

# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -  
please join us at our  
1hr online  
**Sleep Workshop**

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &  
1.30pm  
Thursday 6th February - 11am &  
1.30pm

*This workshop aims to provide  
psychoeducation on sleep hygiene  
and sleep routines. Also includes  
practical strategies for helping  
children*

To book a place please complete  
the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of  
primary aged children enrolled in Reception  
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

## School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fgbschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fgbschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fgbschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fgbschools.co.uk">head@fgbschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fgbschools.co.uk">drusga@fgbschools.co.uk</a>



## **SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall)

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 0300 1234 101



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